

the stamp impression member as a pre-fabricated pre-inked member the first time he is using the stamp and precisely to set its vertical position without any possibility of soiling his fingers, whereby the different positions or thicknesses of the impression member are compensated by the flexible folding bellows.--

Line 18 at page 3 should read:

--Fig. 2 is a section along line II - II in Fig. 1;--

The paragraph beginning at line 24 on page 3 should read:

--As shown in Figs. 1 to 3, the stamp is provided with a housing 1 forming a rectangular positioning frame 1'. The housing 1 is adapted to receive a stamp impression member 2 to be mounted on a platen 3 which is connected to an actuating handle 5 of the stamp by means of a stem 4. A flexible folding bellows 6 is arranged between the handle 5 and the housing 1. Preferably, the flexible bellows 6 is formed integrally with the handle 5 and is made of plastic by injection molding.--

The paragraph beginning at line 14 on page 4 should read as follows:

--The impression member receptacle 9 is mounted on the platen by a snap-fit connector. To this end, the platen 3 is pressed downwardly by the handle 5 and the stem 4 within the housing 1 and is frictionally positioned on the protective cover 8 until the receptacle 9 snaps into the platen 3 by means of snap-fit elements 3', 9'. The transport case 8 is removed from the housing 1, and the stamp is then in condition for use. Thus the stamp impression member 2 may be mounted without the user having to touch it.--

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended)        A hand stamp, comprising:  
                      a handle;